Consulate General of India at Birgunj:

31. Responding to the long-standing indian request for the setting up of the Consulate General of India at Birgunj, the Nepalese side informed that the request was under consideration of His Majesty's Government.

Invitation:

32. The Prime Minister of Nepal invited the Prime Ministers of India to pay an official visit to Nepal an early date. The invitation was accepted with pleasure. The dates of the visit would be decided through diplomatic channels.

Transfer of Chinese Missile Technology to Pakistan

3340. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the visit of Chinese Foreign Minister, Government took up the matter with regard to transfer of Chinese Missile Technology to Pakistan;

(b) if so, details of discussion therefor; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Our concerns on Sino-Pakistan military cooperation, which includes cooperation in the field of missiles, were reiterated. China maintains that it has normal state-to-state relations with Pakistan including normal military co-operation and that Sino-Pakistan cooperation was not target against any third country.

Export of IT Professionals

†3341. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from which proposals for export of information technology professionals have been received by Government togetherwith the country-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government have given consideration to the proposals of these countries;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.